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TAGS: EFIN, MASS US, IR, BD
SUBJ: BERMUDA EXEMPTED COMPANIES ALLEGEDLY CONDUIT FOR
DEFENSE CONTRACT PAYOFFS.

1. U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AGENT VISITED BERMUDA
JANUARY 5-7, PROBING ROLE OF LOCALLY-CHARTERED FIRM,
MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS CO., LTD. (MTC) AS
A CONDUIT FOR POSSIBLE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS BY A LARGE US
DEFENSE CONTRACTOR. MTC IS QUOTE EXEMPTED UNQUOTE COMPANY
(INCORPORATED HERE BUT DOING BUSINESS OUTSIDE BERMUDA)
WHOSE BENEFICIAL OWNERS ARE REPORTEDLY IRANIAN AND DUTCH
NATIONALS, PRINCIPALLY IRANIAN CITIZEN ABOLFATH MAHVI.
FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES BY BOB WOODWARD IN JANUARY 2 AND
JANUARY 16 EDITIONS OF WASHINGTON POST CHARGED THAT MAHVI
WAS RECIPIENT OF MYSTERIOUS MULTIMILLION DOLLAR PAYMENTS
IN CONNECTION WITH THE AWARDED OF MAJOR DEFENSE CONTRACTS
TO AMERICAN CORPORATIONS BY IRANIAN GOVERNMENT. POST
ARTICLES STATES THAT THESE PAYMENTS FUNNELED TO SWISS
BANK VIA TWO BERMUDIAN COMPANIES, MTC AND UNITED AERO
SERVICES CO., LTD. (UASCO).

2. PROMINENT BERMUDA LAW FIRM WHICH ADMINISTERS MTC AND
UASCO FOR OVERSEAS PRINCIPALS (AND WHOSE PARTNERS SERVE
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AS LOCAL DIRECTORS OF BOTH FIRMS) PLEDGED COOPERATION
WITH IRS PROBE. DURING VISIT OF IRS REP, LAW FIRM AGREED
TO ARRANGE EARLY MEETING BETWEEN IRS AND MTC PRINCIPALS,
PREFERABLY OUTSIDE U.S. OR BERMUDA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IRS
NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THREE MTC OFFICIALS, INCLUDING
MAHVI, IN LONDON JANUARY 24. AT LAW FIRM'S REQUEST, POST
SERVED AS POINT OF CONTACT WITH IRS IN CONFIRMING ARRANGEMENTS

FOR THIS MEETING.

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